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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document that is not a U.S. patent document has been submitted herewith.

An explanation of relevance of each non-English document may be found in the English abstract attached thereto. Note that JPA 2003-069599 is in the same patent family as U.S. Patent No. 6,968,376.

The documents were cited in a communication from the Japanese Patent Office dated April 1, 2008, in connection with Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-060870, from which the present application claims priority.

It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that the documents have been considered.

The required fee of \$180.00 due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2) has been paid herewith. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee may be charged or credited to Deposit Account 50-3939.

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